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REPORTS OF LARGE-SCALE DEPORTATIONS IN THE CAUCASUS

Berlin, 30 November (Turkish News Agency) -- According to reports coming from behind the Iron Curtain recently, the Soviets have undertaken a new and large-scale deportation program in the Caucasus. The Soviets, according to these reports, have liquidated and deported en masse many foreign /sic/ tribes in northern Caucasus and are settling Russians in their place. The same thing has happened in Azerbaydzhan. In fact, a cordon composed of Russians, beginning in Russia and passing through the most important regions of northern Caucasus, has now gradually begun to descend toward the Iranian border, encompassing the Baku area.

As this cordon is extended and widened, the native populace is systematically being deported to the interior of Russia. As a pretext for the deportation, the Soviets are claiming that the Musavat (Equality) Party has resumed activity in Azerbaydzhan. The truth is, however, that the Soviets are replacing the native people with Russians in order that the Baku oil region will be protected in event of war.

The reports indicate that this latest deportation program of the Soviets is, in scope, the largest yet undertaken.

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